

Grand Rapids Community College (GRCC)

Pre-Elementary Education, A.A.

Articulation Agreement and Transfer Guide

The School of Education offers an exemplary program in Elementary Education designed to provide a balanced blend of theory and practice. Throughout the program students will complete at least 600 hours in a variety of hands-on, field-based experiences in the PK-3 or 3-6 classroom. Our class sizes of 20-25 students guarantee that all students receive the attention they deserve. A background in state-of-the-art educational technology prepares students to integrate computer technology into instruction.

The professional education courses include field-based experiences supervised by instructional teams comprised of teacher educators, professors from the content area disciplines, and expert PK-6 teachers.

**Teacher Certification Requirements**

As required by the State of Michigan to receive teacher certification, all teacher candidates must: (1) meet the MDE (CAEP) cohort requirements, (2) pass the pedagogy tests in their subject area majors, and (3) have a 2.75 minimum GPA to receive teacher certification in Michigan. These state requirements are in addition to the FSU graduation requirements of your individual program.

**Communication Competency** (GRCC courses listed below are part of the AA requirements)

FSU Course	FSU Course Title	FSU Cr. Hrs.	GRCC Equiv.	GRCC Course Title	GRCC Cr. Hrs.
COMM 121	Fundamentals of Public Speaking	3	COM 131 (AA degree requirement)	Fundamentals of Public Speaking	3
ENGL 150	English 1 (B or above)	3	EN 101 (AA degree requirement)	English Composition 1	3
ENGL 250	English 2 (B or above)	3	EN 102 (AA degree requirement)	English Composition 2	3
ENGL 321	Advanced Composition	3	No Equivalent	No Equivalent	0

**Quantitative Literacy**– See below or Official Pre-2016 Math SAT Score of 560 or Higher, Official Post-2016 MATH SAT Score of 580 or Higher, or Official Math ACT Score of 24 or Higher.

FSU Course	FSU Course Title	FSU Cr. Hrs.	GRCC Equiv.	GRCC Course Title	GRCC Cr. Hrs.
MATH 114 or MATH 115 or MATH 117	Quantitative Reasoning for Pro 2 or Intermediate Algebra or Contemporary Mathematics	4 or 3 or 4	MA 115 or MA 110 (AA degree requirement) or MA 107 (AA degree requirement) or MA 124 (AA degree requirement)	Data Analysis and Algebraic Models or College Algebra or Intermediate Algebra or Math for Liberal Arts	4

**Natural Sciences Competency** - Two courses are required with a minimum of 6 credits: must have at least one lab course.

FSU Course	FSU Course Title	FSU Cr. Hrs.	GRCC Equiv.	GRCC Course Title	GRCC Cr. Hrs.
BIOL 103	Biological Concepts	4	BI 101 (AA degree requirement)	General Biology	4
PHSC 115	Inquiry into Physical Science	4	PC 101 (AA degree requirement)	General Physical Science	4

**Culture Competency** - 3 courses are required with a minimum of 9 credits: must be from 2 different disciplines and have at least 1 at FSU 200 level or higher course.

FSU Course	FSU Course Title	FSU Cr. Hrs.	GRCC Equiv.	GRCC Course Title	GRCC Cr. Hrs.
HIST 121	United States History to 1877	3	HS 160 (AA degree requirement)	US History Through Reconstruction	3
HIST 230	Michigan History	3	HS 260 (AA degree requirement)	History of Michigan	3
LITR 326	Children's Literature	3	*EN 250 (AA degree requirement)	Exploration of Children's and Early Adolescents' Literature	3

**Self and Society Competency** - 3 courses are required with a minimum of 9 credits: must be from 2 different disciplines and have at least 1 at FSU 200 level or higher course and at least one Self and Society Foundation course.

FSU Course	FSU Course Title	FSU Cr. Hrs.	GRCC Equiv.	GRCC Course Title	GRCC Cr. Hrs.
GEOG 100	Geography of World Regions	3	GE 135 (AA degree requirement)	World Regional Geography	3
PLSC 121	American Government 1 – People & Politics	3	PS 110 (AA degree requirement)	American Government	3
ECON 201	Principles of Microeconomics	3	EC 252 (AA degree requirement)	Principles of Microeconomics	3

**Ferris State University General Education** [www.ferris.edu/gened](http://www.ferris.edu/gened). Students are encouraged to work with an advisor to select appropriate general education courses.

**Diversity Competency – 2 Courses Required**

If not met by courses taken for Culture, Self and Society, or MTA, a student must meet the following:

- 1 course with the Global Diversity attribute \*Fulfilled by Ferris GEOG 100 (above)
- 1 course with the U.S. Diversity attribute \*Fulfilled by Ferris GEOG 100 (above)

**College Requirements – 80 to 81 Credits Required**

**Major Courses – 15 Credits Required**

These courses are used to calculate the major 2.75 GPA requirement.

FSU Course	FSU Course Title	FSU Cr. Hrs.	GRCC Equiv.	GRCC Course Title	GRCC Cr. Hrs.
MATH 208	Elementary School Mathematics 1	3	MA 210 or MA 226 (AA degree requirement)	Mathematics for Elementary Teachers I or Teaching Counting and Whole Number Operations	4
MATH 209	Elementary School Mathematics 2	3	MA 227 (AA degree requirement)	Teaching Fractions and Decimals	4
EDLA 261	Foundations of Literacy	3	EDU 205 (AA degree requirement)	Foundations of Early Literacy Instruction	3
ENGL 301	Introduction to Linguistics	3	No Equivalent	No Equivalent	0
MATH 307	Elementary School Mathematics	3	MA 211 or MA 240 (AA degree requirement)	Mathematics for Elementary Teachers II or Geometry and Measurement for Elementary Teachers	4 or 3

**Concentrations – 65 to 66 Credits Required – Choose one concentration**

1. Pre-Kindergarten through Third Grade Concentration (ELPK) (see below)
2. Third Grade through Sixth Grade Concentration (ELTS) (see page 3)

The School of Education strongly advises to complete both concentrations and to see a Ferris Education Advisor as the number of courses and credits will change in the combination of the two pathways.

**Pre-Kindergarten through Third Grade Concentration (ELPK) – 66 Credits Required**

**Level 1 Courses – 15 Credits Required**

Students may only retake two of the six Level 1 courses. Students may not repeat any education course more than once. These courses are used to calculate the major 2.75 GPA requirement.

FSU Course	FSU Course Title	FSU Cr. Hrs.	GRCC Equiv.	GRCC Course Title	GRCC Cr. Hrs.
EDCD 112	Theories of Child Development	3	EDU 118 (AA degree requirement)	Human Growth & Development 1	4
EDCD 115	Observation & Documentation of Children	3	EDU 209 (AA degree requirement)	Creative and Language Arts for Preschoolers	4
EDUC 161	Foundations of Education	3	EDU 200 (AA degree requirement)	Introduction to Education	3
EDCD 211	Methods for Teaching Preschool & School Age Children	4	EDU 229 (AA degree requirement)	Math, Science & Technology for Preschoolers	4
EDUC 261	Children’s Healthy Living	2	No Equivalent	No Equivalent	0

**Level 2 Courses – 39 Credits Required**

Prior to enrolling in any Level 2 courses, all students must meet the Michigan Department of Education (MDE) requirements, currently Council for the Accreditation of Educator Preparation (CAEP); see advisor for options. Complete all Level 1 courses with a minimum of 2.50 GPA with no grade lower than a C, have a 2.50 cumulative GPA, and complete a Level 2 application. Students may not repeat any education course more than once. These courses are used to calculate the major 2.75 GPA requirement.

FSU Course	FSU Course Title	FSU Cr. Hrs.	GRCC Equiv.	GRCC Course Title	GRCC Cr. Hrs.
EDCD 308	Teaching Special Needs in Education & Childhood Education	3	EDU 230 (AA degree requirement)	Introduction to Early Childhood Special Education and Inclusion	4
EDLA 311	Advanced Foundations of Literacy Pre-Kindergarten through Third Grade	3	No Equivalent	No Equivalent	0
EDMA 331	Math Methods of Teaching Pre-Kindergarten through Sixth Grade	3	No Equivalent	No Equivalent	0
EDSC 331	3D Science Methods for Elementary Education Pre-Kindergarten through Sixth Grade	3	No Equivalent	No Equivalent	0
EDUC 361	Instructional Design	3	No Equivalent	No Equivalent	0
EDLA 411	Literacy Instruction & Assessment Pre-Kindergarten through Third Grade	4	No Equivalent	No Equivalent	0
EDLA 419	Literacy Methods Field Experience Pre-Kindergarten through Third Grade	1	No Equivalent	No Equivalent	0
EDMA 419	Math Methods Field Experience Pre-Kindergarten through Third Grade	1	No Equivalent	No Equivalent	0
EDSC 419	Science Methods Field Experience Pre-Kindergarten through Third Grade	1	No Equivalent	No Equivalent	0
EDSS 419	Social Studies Methods Field Experience Pre-Kindergarten through Third Grade	1	No Equivalent	No Equivalent	0
EDLA 431	Literacy Methods of Teaching Pre-Kindergarten through Sixth Grade	4	No Equivalent	No Equivalent	0
EDMA 431	Math Assessments & Supports Pre-Kindergarten through Sixth Grade	3	No Equivalent	No Equivalent	0
EDSC 431	Advanced 3D Science Methods of Teaching Pre-Kindergarten through Sixth Grade	3	No Equivalent	No Equivalent	0
EDSS 431	Social Studies Methods of Teaching Pre-Kindergarten through Sixth Grade	3	No Equivalent	No Equivalent	0
EDLA 461	Language & Literacy Capstone	3	No Equivalent	No Equivalent	0

**Level 3 Courses – 12 Credits Required**

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FSU Course	FSU Course Title	FSU Cr. Hrs.	GRCC Equiv.	GRCC Course Title	GRCC Cr. Hrs.
EDUC 499	Student Teaching (Dept. Approval)	12	No Equivalent	No Equivalent	0

**Third Grade Through Sixth Grade Concentration (ELTS) – 65 Credits Required**

^indicates courses that are waived (EDUC 251, EDUC 289 and EDUC 415) in the Third Grade through Sixth Grade Concentration (ELTS), if both concentrations are completed.

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EDCD 115	Observation & Documentation of Children	3	EDU 209 (AA degree requirement)	Creative and Language Arts for Preschoolers	4
EDUC 161	Foundations of Education	3	EDU 200 (AA degree requirement)	Introduction to Education	3
^EDUC 251	Human Growth Development	3	EDU 118 (AA degree requirement)	Human Growth and Development I	4
EDUC 261	Children's Healthy Living	2	No Equivalent	No Equivalent	0
^EDUC 289	Principles of Teaching & Learning	3	PY 251 (AA degree requirement)	Educational Psychology	3

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FSU Course	FSU Course Title	FSU Cr. Hrs.	GRCC Equiv.	GRCC Course Title	GRCC Cr. Hrs.
EDLA 321	Advanced Foundations of Literacy Third Grade through Sixth Grade	3	No Equivalent	No Equivalent	0
EDMA 331	Math Methods for Teaching Pre-Kindergarten through Sixth Grade	3	No Equivalent	No Equivalent	0
EDSC 331	3D Science Methods for Elementary Education Pre-Kindergarten through Sixth Grade	3	No Equivalent	No Equivalent	0
EDUC 361	Instructional Design	3	No Equivalent	No Equivalent	0
^EDUC 415	Teaching Special Needs	3	No Equivalent	No Equivalent	0
EDLA 421	Literacy Instruction and Assessment Third Grade through Sixth Grade	4	No Equivalent	No Equivalent	0
EDLA 429	Literacy Methods Field Experience Third Grade through Sixth Grade	1	No Equivalent	No Equivalent	0
EDMA 429	Math Methods Field Experience Third Grade through Sixth Grade	1	No Equivalent	No Equivalent	0
EDSC 429	Science Methods Field Experience Third Grade through Sixth Grade	1	No Equivalent	No Equivalent	0
EDSS 429	Social Studies Methods Field Experience Third Grade through Sixth Grade	1	No Equivalent	No Equivalent	0
EDLA 431	Literacy Methods of Teaching Pre-Kindergarten through Sixth Grade	4	No Equivalent	No Equivalent	0
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EDUC 499	Student Teaching (Dept. Approval)	12	No Equivalent	No Equivalent	0

## Total Credits Required for Degree

121-124

## Program Contact Information:

### Main Campus, Big Rapids

College of Arts, Sciences, and Education  
(231) 591-5361 | [soe@ferris.edu](mailto:soe@ferris.edu) | [www.ferris.edu/case](http://www.ferris.edu/case)

### Ferris Statewide – Grand Rapids

(616) 451-4777 | [fsugr@ferris.edu](mailto:fsugr@ferris.edu) | [www.ferris.edu/statewide](http://www.ferris.edu/statewide) | [Financial Aid Consortium Eligible](#)

Select courses may be delivered online and/or in a mixed delivery format (i.e. a mix of online and face-to-face instruction at the Ferris Main Campus or at an off-campus location).

## General Admission Criteria

New Student Admission Requirements for incoming freshman refer to the Ferris Catalog [www.ferris.edu/catalog](http://www.ferris.edu/catalog).

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## Transfer Students

- Combined college or university GPA of 2.00 (on a 4.00 scale) from all institutions attended. GPA based on completion of 12 transferable semester credit hours or more.
- Completion of ENGL 150 or transfer equivalent of C grade or higher
- Completion of MATH 114, 115, or 117 or transfer equivalent of C grade or higher.
- The degree completion program at a statewide and online location requires 30 transferable semester credits to be admitted and completion of ENGL 150, ENGL 250, COMM 121, MATH 114, 115 or 117, or transfer equivalent courses of C grade or higher.

## Steps to Apply

1. Complete a free application at [www.ferris.edu/apply](http://www.ferris.edu/apply).
2. Submit Official transcripts from every school attended to:
  - Ferris State University Admissions Office, 1201 S. State St, CSS 201, Big Rapids, MI 49307
  - [Transfer@ferris.edu](mailto:Transfer@ferris.edu)
3. Submit Test Scores (if required)
  - ACT Scores; go to [www.act.org](http://www.act.org). Ferris State University School Code: 1994
  - SAT, CLEP and AP Scores; go to [www.collegeboard.org](http://www.collegeboard.org). Ferris State University School Code: 1222

## Advising Notes

It is recommended that potential applicants meet with an advisor to review the degree, course schedule, transfer policies and have any questions answered prior to completing an application. Ferris accepts transfer courses in which the student earned a letter grade of "C" or better. Additional policies such as the Ferris Sunset and Residency Requirement should be discussed with a Ferris advisor. Students who are completing the MTA may have different general education course requirements for the particular degree selected.

Meeting with a Ferris advisor prior to the selection of general education or elective course work may reduce the chance of completing a course that will not apply toward the selected degree. Students must work with their Ferris advisor to declare a Minor or Concentration and for selection of Directed Electives.

Once admitted, students are required to complete an orientation and should continue to meet with an advisor as they work toward graduation.

To schedule an appointment or for additional transfer resources and policies see our Transfer Resource page at [www.ferris.edu/transfer/collegetransfer](http://www.ferris.edu/transfer/collegetransfer).

*\*Indicates an approved Ferris course substitution*

## Reverse Transfer Agreement

Ferris has reserve transfer agreements with several Michigan Community College. Under such agreement, Ferris will provide your official University transcript to a partner school you have attended so that they MAY grant you an associate or bachelor degree upon completion of sufficient and appropriate credit hours from both institutions. In turn, the degree granting institution will provide Ferris with an updated transcript reflecting the newly earned credential.

## Michigan Transfer Agreement (MTA)

Ferris participates in the Michigan Transfer Agreement (MTA). This agreement will facilitate the transfer of general education requirements from one Michigan institution to another. Students may complete the MTA as part of a degree program or as a stand-alone package. The MTA consists of a minimum of 30 general education credit hours as identified by the college or university.

Students transferring to Ferris with the Michigan Transfer Agreement (MTA) and entering a degree program will have met a 30-hour block of lower-level general education courses. However, this does not exempt students from completing program specific prerequisites or higher-level general education course requirements. Students should contact their advisor regarding classes that meet the MTA.

## Disclaimer

Transfer guides are not intended to be a contract with Ferris. The information on this guide is subject to change and is aligned to the catalog year listed above. **Students should contact their community college and/or Ferris to keep informed of changes.** Students' final responsibility for verifying all transfer information lies with the student. Please refer to the Ferris catalog for the most current curriculum [www.ferris.edu/catalog](http://www.ferris.edu/catalog).

Articulation Agreements including disclaimers and indemnification statements can be found at [www.ferris.edu/transfer/collegetransfer/guides](http://www.ferris.edu/transfer/collegetransfer/guides).

Partners may contact the Transfer Services Center with questions or updates at [transferguidesarticulations@ferris.edu](mailto:transferguidesarticulations@ferris.edu).

**Original Signed Articulation Agreement**

The original, signed document is kept on file in the Office of Transfer and Secondary School Partnerships. To obtain a copy of the original, signed document, contact the Office of Transfer and Secondary School Partnerships at [transferguidesarticulations@ferris.edu](mailto:transferguidesarticulations@ferris.edu).

This Agreement may be executed in counterparts, each of which shall be deemed an original, but all of which together shall be deemed to be one and the same agreement. A signed copy of this Agreement delivered by facsimile, e-mail, or other means of electronic transmission shall be deemed to have the same legal effect as delivery of an original signed copy of this Agreement.

**Indemnification** To the extent permitted by law, Ferris State University and Grand Rapids Community College agree to indemnify and hold one another harmless from any and all claims initiated by student participants, their parents, survivors, or agents, arising from any negligent acts or omission on the part of either institution or any of their employees.

**Articulation Agreement**

**Effective Dates: July 1, 2022 – July 1, 2025**

This Agreement shall commence as of July 1, 2022 and shall be for an initial term of three years. Minor updates to the agreement may be made during this time. This agreement may be renewed at the end of three years. Either party may terminate this agreement by providing the other party with written notice of the intent to terminate the agreement. The agreement shall terminate not less than one hundred eighty (180) days from the date of the termination notice, unless otherwise agreed in writing by both parties.

**Signatures**

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\*Please Note: The signed version of the document is kept on file in the GRCC Instructional Support Office. The final signature was performed on 07/13/2022. For more information, please contact the Director of Transfer & Articulation Services at 616-234-3183.